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JACK ANDERSON: There are worrisome signs that the Soviets are involved in a buildup of military forces in Cuba once again. Remember, last summer intelligence agency reported the presence of a Russian combat brigade on the island. President Carter called the brigade's presence unacceptable, and demanded its removal. But the Kremlin leaders ignored him, and Carter lamely backed off.

Apparently, the Soviet leaders have taken Carter's flip-flop on the issue as a sign of weakness, and now the military buildup has begun anew. A military air base runway is being lengthened and widened, perhaps to accommodate Soviet supersonic bombers. A Russian naval base in Cuba is also being expanded.

Meanwhile, on Capitol Hill, both Senate and House members are receiving regular classified briefings on the situation from U.S. intelligence officials. But my sources at the briefings suspect that the Carter Administration is withholding some critical data. Senators Barry Goldwater and Gordon Humphrey have made an urgent request to the Foreign Relations Committee to find out if the Soviets are secretly storing nuclear weapons and missiles in Cuba.

In a related story, American intelligence agencies use all sorts of information to help piece together the top secret jigsaw puzzles that might offer clues to Russian intentions in Cuba. For instance, the Central Intelligence Agency learned of the presence of the Russian combat brigade in Cuba from spy satellite photos. While analyzing these pictures, the CIA agents noticed that new soccer fields were being laid out near the Cienfuegos naval base on the island. This was a significant clue.

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You see, Cuban troops favor baseball, but Russian soldiers prefer to play soccer. Therefore, the fact that new soccer fields were being constructed was the tipoff that a Soviet military buildup was underway.